13th March 1934]

Medical Administration

Alleged paucity of Telugu-knowing lady Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

* 781 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Madras Services Commission could not appoint the required number of Telugu-knowing lady Sub-Assistant Surgeons though there were several lady L.M.P. candidates, simply because they had not passed their S.S.L.C. examinations;

(*b*) what the reasons are for the Government insisting upon their passing the S.S.L.C. examination when they are fully qualified L.M.Ps.; and

(*c*) whether there is any restriction for admitting only passed S.S.L.Cs. into the Medical schools; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Madras Services Commission reported that a certain number of the applicants for appointment as Women Sub-Assistant Surgeons did not possess the minimum general educational qualifications laid down in the general rules relating to the subordinate services and suggested that the qualification may be made inapplicable to the class of Sub-Assistant Surgeons. The Government have accepted the suggestion and amended the Statutory Rules accordingly. The Government have no information whether any of the applicants referred to above are Telugus.

(*c*) Under the existing rules regulating admission to medical schools, only S.S.L.C. holders who are declared eligible for admission to a University course of study and have secured 40 per cent of the marks in English and have taken Physics or Chemistry or both as optionals are eligible for admission to medical schools.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Hon. the President:—" I have to announce that the Madras Local Boards and the Madras Elementary Education (Amendment) Act of 1934 received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 10th March 1934."

III.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934-35.

DEMAND V—REGISTRATION—TRANSFERRED.

* The Hon. the President:—" Mr. Basheer Ahmed will continue his speech."

* Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Mr. President, Sir, I was speaking yesterday about the position of those employees of the Government who have already been in service and without consulting whose